

Congressman Luis G. Fortuño (PR)

Military Academies Nomination Application

NOTE: YOU MUST BE A RESIDENT OF PUERTO RICO

NOTE: Graduation from a United States Service Academy obligates you to serve 5 years of Active Duty Service.

Academy Preference:

____ Military Academy (Army)
West point, New York
____ Air force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado

____ Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland
____ Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, New York

Full name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Parent/guardian: _____

Home address: _____

Phone number: _____

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____

Marital Status: _____

Social security number: _____

High school: _____

High School Address: _____

High School Phone: _____

G.P.A.: _____ Class standing: _____ Class size: _____

Test Scores: (Only Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores are acceptable.)

Latest possible test for inclusion of scores in file is October 9, 2005. Please be sure this applicant registers for the October S.A.T. no later than September 7, 2005. If these

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scores are unavailable at the present time, please forward a copy of the results to me as soon as possible. No applicant will be considered without them.

PSAT
Verbal

PSAT
Math

SAT
Verbal

SAT
Math

Date SAT taken:

Attach extra pages if needed:

Extra-Curricular Activities: _____

Athletics: _____

Clubs & Activities: _____

Elective Offices: _____

Honors & Awards: _____

Jobs: _____

Other (attach extra pages if needed) _____

Please include:

___ Official school transcript
___ 3 letters of recommendation
___ Photo
___ Application Form

___ 300 word essay
___ Resume
___ SAT/ACT scores

Please send to:
Congressman Luis G. Fortuño
Attention: Lissette T. Ferrer
126 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974: Congressman Luis G. Fortuño, please monitor my progress in seeking an appointment to the academy. I hereby consent for the academy to divulge information from my records for that purpose.

Please Read:

BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I AM ACKNOWLEDGING THE FOLLOWING: I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS ARE INCLUDED. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IF I HAVE NOT SUBMITTED ALL OF THE NECESSARY DATA BY OCTOBER 15, 2004, I WILL NOT BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION FOR THE NOMINATION. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT I AM A LEGAL RESIDENT OF PUERTO RICO.

Date: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

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U. S. Military Service Academy

Information/Application Sheet

Requirements:

*All information listed below is required for an application packet to be complete and must be returned at one time in order for an individual to be considered for nomination.

- **Residency:** Congressman Luis G. Fortuño will only nominate applicants who are domiciled in the island of Puerto Rico. You must be a legal resident of Puerto Rico.
- **Age:** You must be at least 17 years old by July 1 of the year of your induction but not have passed your 23rd birthday (age requirements vary for the USMA). Ideally, you should be contacting Congressman Luis G. Fortuño's office at the beginning of your senior year of high school.
- **Application Form:** The enclosed 2 page application form should be completed, signed, and returned by you.
- **Three Letters of Recommendation:** You must include 3 recommendation letters in your packet. People who know you well such as a teacher, counselor, minister, coach, employer or scoutmaster should complete these forms. Please do not have family members complete these letters. When completed, they should be returned to you in a sealed envelope with the evaluator's signature across the seal. It is your responsibility to ensure these forms are completed in a timely manner and included in your packet.
- **Official High School Transcript:** You must include an official high school transcript through at least 6 semesters. High school **numerical rank/class size** and **GPA MUST** be included on this transcript. Without this information on your transcript, your file will be considered incomplete. Should your school not rank students, you must have the counselor or principal denote this on your transcript. You should also see that your counselor denotes what scale your GPA is calculated on (e.g. 3.2 / 4.0, 5.7 / 6.0, etc.).
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- **Standardized Test Results:** To be considered for a nomination, you must have taken the SAT/ACT prior to October in order to meet our October 15, 2005 deadline. You may take these tests several times to try to improve your scores – your highest scores will be accepted through October 15, 2005.
- **Essay:** A 300 word typed essay stating the reason you want to attend a service academy and why you want to be a military officer must be included.
- **Resume:** Your resume should include school and community activities, athletic participation, honors, awards, after school and summer jobs, etc.
- **Other Transcripts:** If you have graduated from high school and attended classes at another school or university, you must include a transcript for those classes with your packet.
- **Photo:** You should staple a photograph of yourself to the first page of the application;

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Application Information Sheet

This information sheet describes the method Congressman Fortuño's office uses in selecting nominees for the various Military Academies and what you will need to do to assure yourself a position in the competition for a nomination. Selection of the appointee to each academy is ultimately decided upon by the academy to which you have applied. **Applicants must be residents of Puerto Rico and between the ages of 17 and 23.** The processes are as follows:

1. Selection to Army, Navy and Air Force Academies:

A letter requesting consideration for nomination should be sent to Congressman Fortuño's Washington DC office as soon as a decision has been made to pursue a military academy nomination as an educational/career choice. This is usually done midway through the junior year of high school or later. An application form is attached to this sheet. **The fully completed application packet must arrive at Congressman Fortuño's Washington DC office no later than the 15th of October of the current year.**

Upon receiving the properly completed packet, the potential nominees will then be evaluated. Basic competition requirements are covered later in this document. Those who qualify will be ranked in order of merit, with the most highly qualified receiving nominations as availability at each academy allows. This slate of nominees will number ten individuals per opening available. There may be more qualified applicants than available openings. In such a case, the first ten will be submitted, with the other applicants being placed upon a stand-by list.

The selected nominees will be announced on or about **January 31, 2006**. The slate of ten nominees chosen for each opening will be then forwarded to the academies indicated, where they will again be evaluated by the Academy Selection Board of each institution. Once more, the nominees will be ranked in order of merit, with the most highly qualified being offered an appointment to fill the vacancy at the academy. Other nominees on the slate will be considered for appointments at large. Normally the appointments by the Academies are offered prior to the end of April, although at times they may

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come later. Upon receiving an appointment, the academies will provide guidance on tasks which will be required by their institutions.

2. Merchant Marine and U. S. Coast Guard Academies:

A. For the Merchant Marine Academy, a Member of Congress may nominate as with the other academies, however, there is no dedicated position available. Each nominee must then compete statewide for the vacancies and selection is made by the Merchant Marine Academy.

B. For the Coast Guard Academy a Congressional nomination is not required, as they manage their own selection process. Any individual interested in applying must contact the Academy directly. They may apply to: **Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT 06320. The local information officer is Cmdr. Ronald Brown. His phone number is (619) 578-3274.** Call him for additional information.

3. Competition Requirements:

A. The FIRST consideration is academics. Each individual's grade point average, SAT/ACT scores and class ranking will be considered.

B. The SECOND consideration is leadership experience and potential command ability. This is based upon the individual's extra-curricular activities as submitted in a brief statement with the application packet. This would include involvement in sports, school, civic and personal/social activities.

D. The THIRD consideration is established upon the motivation and desire of the applicants to attend a service academy. To arrive at this consideration, each applicant is asked to complete and submit an essay of 300 words entitled, "Why I wish to attend the (name of academy) Academy." Evaluations will be based upon writing skill and content.

C. The FOURTH and final consideration is comparative in nature, appraising each applicant's attributes against all other who are applying.

4. Additional information:

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All Academies require you pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). The academy to which you apply will initiate the scheduling of an examination with the Department of Defense. Once taken, the examination may be used for all service academies. A service academy medical examination must be passed before a candidate can receive an appointment. The most frequently encountered problem areas include:

- Visual Acuity: All candidates accepted shall have an uncorrected visual acuity no poorer than 20/400 in either eye and must be correctable to 20/20 in each eye.
- Color Vision: Color blindness, complete or partial, can be cause for disqualification
- Asthma: Any history of asthma may also cause for disqualification

Attached is an application data sheet to be completed and returned to Congressman Fortuño's office in Washington DC, along with a sealed copy of your high school transcripts with class standing, a recent, small (approximately 3" x 4") photograph, a copy of your latest SAT/ACT scores, statement of activities and the 300 word essay describing why you want to attend the academy. The data sheet will ask that order of preference of academies be indicated. Only those academies desired should be listed. Serious thought should be made when making the selections. The complete application packet must be in Congressman Fortuño's Office in Washington DC before the 15th of October. Packets submitted after that date may be considered, *depending on the circumstances and availability of openings at that time.*

Application must also be made to the Director of Admissions of the Academy or Academies of your choice, in addition to the nomination application sent to Congressman Fortuño.

Additionally, contact should be made with the High School or College Career Counselor to obtain any information which they may have regarding the appointment process.

Any Questions? Should you desire further information, please contact Lissette T. Ferrer, at my Washington, DC office. The mailing address is 126 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515. The telephone numbers are (202) 225-5029.